

Wildlife Act Review

Submission Comment 280:

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Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat
- Wildlife welfare

Comment

As someone who has spent a lot of time on the state's wetlands during duck season I can unequivocally say I am disgusted with Victoria's treatment of wildlife. I was there at the Koorangie massacre in 2017 and I saw how completely ineffectual the authorities were in stopping the slaughter. I was pulled up and had a licence check because my car was kicking up dust as I ferried wounded birds back to the vets, meanwhile shooters were firing as the dead and wounded amassed around the banks. The people who care about wildlife are treated like criminals whilst the people who harm them get a free reign. It's completely unjust and I am sickened and traumatised by the cruelty I've seen that government sanctions.

Please ban duck shooting and all other wildlife slaughter. The community is so disturbed and exhausted by constantly fighting to protect our wildlife. Let's protect our wilderness spaces and wildlife and promote them for ecotourism. We need to stop the rampant killing and carelessness about wildlife and start treating them like the treasures they are.

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